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## Public Act No. 06-151

# AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY PROTOCOL AND THE APPOINTMENT OF STATE POLICE PERSONNEL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) As used in sections 2 and 3 of this act:

- (1) "Genuine terrorist threat" means an incident, threat or activity involving an act of domestic or international terrorism sufficient to affect public safety that is deemed credible.
- (2) "Local chief elected official" means the mayor, selectman or town manager of a city or town.
- Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assess threats to public safety to determine when a threat qualifies as a genuine terrorist threat. The commissioner may consult with whatever agencies or officials the commissioner deems appropriate for such evaluation.
- (b) When the Commissioner of Public Safety determines that there is a genuine terrorist threat, the commissioner shall immediately notify the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security of such threat.

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- Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Department of Public Safety shall develop a method of direct communication with local chief elected officials.
- (b) Whenever bomb detection personnel are sent to a location in response to a threat received at the state level, the Department of Public Safety shall immediately notify the local police chief of the location of the potential threat. The local police chief shall immediately notify the chief elected official of the municipality.
- Sec. 4. Section 29-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

On and after January 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall appoint and maintain a minimum of one thousand two hundred forty-eight sworn state police personnel to efficiently maintain the operation of the division. On or after June 6, 1990, the commissioner shall appoint from among such personnel not more than [two] three lieutenant colonels who shall be in the unclassified service as provided in section 5-198, as amended. Any permanent employee in the classified service who accepts appointment to the position of lieutenant colonel in the unclassified service may return to the classified service at such employee's former rank. The position of major in the classified service shall be abolished on July 1, 1999, but any existing position of major in the classified service may continue until termination of service. The commissioner shall appoint not more than [eight] seven majors who shall be in the unclassified service as provided in section 5-198, as amended. Any permanent employee in the classified service who accepts appointment to the position of major in the unclassified service may return to the classified service at such permanent employee's former rank. The commissioner, subject to the provisions of chapter 67, shall appoint such numbers of captains, lieutenants, sergeants, detectives and corporals as the commissioner deems necessary to officer efficiently the state police force. The

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commissioner may appoint a Deputy State Fire Marshal who shall be in the unclassified service as provided in section 5-198, as amended. Any permanent employee in the classified service who accepts appointment to the position of Deputy State Fire Marshal in the unclassified service may return to the classified service at such employee's former rank, class or grade, whichever is applicable. The commissioner shall establish such divisions as the commissioner deems necessary for effective operation of the state police force and consistent with budgetary allotments, a Criminal Intelligence Division and a state-wide organized crime investigative task force to be engaged throughout the state for the purpose of preventing and detecting any violation of the criminal law. The head of the Criminal Intelligence Division shall be of the rank of sergeant or above. The head of the state-wide organized crime investigative task force shall be a police officer. Salaries of the members of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety shall be fixed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services as provided in section 4-40. Subsistence shall be maintained for state police personnel at the expense of the state, and said police personnel shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in the performance of official duty. Said police personnel may be promoted, demoted, suspended or removed by the commissioner, but no final dismissal from the service shall be ordered until a hearing has been had before said commissioner on charges preferred against such officer. Each state police officer shall, before entering upon such officer's duties, be sworn to the faithful performance of such duties. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall designate an adequate patrol force for motor patrol work exclusively.

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